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SUBJECT: THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS (PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES & SPECIALISTS) REGULATIONS, 2019

This is to inform all medical and dental practitioners that the Minister of Health has approved a statutory instrument that will regulate the training of specialists through the professional colleges. This training will be conducted by specialist associations themselves and UMDPC will be offering guidance.

This mandate was ceded to UMDPC by the National Council for Higher Education because it was not academic.

This type of training has been introduced in many Countries in Africa and beyond. Among its advantages is to train specialists without necessarily leaving their stations hence maintaining a specialist at site as s/he trains and improving service delivery to the community at the same time.

This mode of training, however, does not abolish the academic Mimed.

To commence this type of training, professional associations must submit their curricular for review to UMDPC after which inspection of the training sites will be done to confirm adequacy of staffing, patient load and equipment before accreditation.

Graduates will be recognized and registered by UMDPC as specialists.

Attached find the approved document for further insight.

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